

# **PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, since 1965, May has been proclaimed by the President of the United States to be Older Americans Month; and*

*WHEREAS, this year the theme for Older Americans Month is “Blaze a Trail”; and*

*WHEREAS, Greenbelt is home to more than 4,800 citizens who are 55 years of age or older; and*

*WHEREAS, Greenbelt has made a commitment to all its older residents through its support of services and programs such as the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Golden Age Club, the Green Ridge House and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program; and*

*WHEREAS, Greenbelt can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:*

- Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social inclusion.*
- Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living.*
- Ensuring community members of all ages benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults; and*

*WHEREAS, the ability for older citizens to age in place can be greatly increased with continued supportive services which will reduce the unnecessary decline in cognitive, social, and physical abilities; with tools to enable residents' easy access to health and wellness information and programs; and with affordable housing and community-based wellness options that make possible an array of choices for care and support, even extended to a home setting as needed.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim May to be*

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*in Greenbelt and urge all our citizens to honor our older residents, during May and throughout the year, as a diverse group of individuals who are among the most active and involved older adult populations in our nation's history.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.*

*EMMETT V. JORDAN, Mayor*

*ATTEST: Cindy Murray, City Clerk*